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To Jason Metrokin  
cc Richard Parkin  
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Subject Mining Information Sessions - Newhalen & Dillingham - June 1-3

Dear Mr. Metrokin,

I wanted to let you know that EPA has confirmed the mining information sessions for Dillingham and Newhalen. The ad that will be going in the Bristol Bay Times is attached. I am working out the final agendas but I wanted to share the draft versions with you. There is a link on the Pebble Watch page that discusses the mining training and I believe there might be a misunderstanding about what the mining information session will cover.

The mining information sessions are a joint effort by EPA and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) to share information about the environmental review and permitting process for large mines. EPA and ADNR have presented these sessions in other communities where mines are proposed. Since the Pebble Partnership has not submitted permit applications or a project description for the proposed Pebble Mine we will not be going over any details of that project. Of course, we will share what we know about their proposals and make the training as relevant as possible, however it is still general in terms of describing potential impacts from mining and how those are mitigated and permitted. The draft agenda is below. As soon as the presentation materials are finalized I will send those to you as well.

Since people will be coming in for the mining training we thought it would be good to share an update on the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment. There will be several opportunities to talk with Senior EPA Leaders about the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment. One will be Wednesday evening (June 1st) in Newhalen from 7-9PM. In addition, on Thursday the Senior EPA leaders will be traveling to Ekwok, New Stuyahok, and Koliganak to meet with community members and tribal leaders in regards to the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment. Lastly, there will be one held during the Mining Information session in Dillingham on Friday, from 1030AM-12PM.

EPA is working on getting a fact sheet out about the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment and as soon as it is available I will be sure you receive a copy.

The Senior EPA Leaders that will be traveling include:  
Bob Sussman, Senior Policy Advisor to the Administrator, Washington, D.C.  
Nancy Stoner, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Washington, D.C.  
Dennis McLerran, Regional Administrator, Region 10, Seattle, WA

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely - Tami



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Region 10 Grants Administration Unit  
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\*EPA Tribal Portal  
<http://www.epa.gov/tribal/>

EPA Community Action for Renewed Environment  
<http://www.epa.gov/CARE>

***DRAFT AGENDA***  
**Mining Information Session**  
Dillingham, AK

Bristol Bay Native Association – Head Start Building  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

Invocation & Welcome – Curyung Tribe & BBNA (*invited*)  
Overall Introduction of Session and Participants - facilitated by Tami Fordham, EPA  
(8:30-8:45)

Part 1: Mining Fundamentals (8:45 – 9:30AM)  
Introduction - Patty McGrath, EPA  
Exploration and Mining - ADNR  
Mineral Processing – Patty

Part 2: Environmental Concerns and Issues (9:30 – 10:15 AM)  
Introduction, Environmental Issues - Patty  
Break (10:15 AM – 10:30)

Update on Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment – Rick Parkin (EPA), Senior Management  
Lead & others TBD (10:30-12PM)

Lunch Break (12:00 – 1:00)

Part 2: Environmental Concerns and Issues, continued (1:00 – 1:45 PM)  
Introduction, Environmental Issues, continued - Patty  
Tailings dams & mine closure & take home message - ADNR

Q&A – 1:45 – 2:15

Part 3: Agencies and Regulatory Process (2:15- 3:30)  
Introduction, federal agencies, EPA authorities - Patty  
NEPA and CWA – Patty  
State authorizations and permits - ANDR  
CERCLA, Pogo example and summary – Patty

Break (3:30-3:45)

Part 4: How Tribes Can be Involved (3:45-4:30)  
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Discussion & Wrap-up (4:30 – 5:30PM)

***DRAFT AGENDA***  
**Mining Information Session**  
Newhalen, AK

Newhalen Teen Center  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011

\*\*\*\*EVENING MEETING JUNE 1<sup>st</sup> – 7-9PM – Update on Bristol Bay Watershed  
Assessment (Newhalen Teen Center)

Invocation & Welcome – Newhalen Tribal Council (*invited*)  
Overall Introduction of Session and Participants - facilitated by Tami Fordham (EPA)

Part 1: Mining Fundamentals (9:00 – 9:45)  
Introduction - Patty McGrath, EPA  
Exploration and Mining - ADNR  
Mineral Processing - Patty

Part 2: Environmental Concerns and Issues (9:45 – 11:00)  
Introduction, Environmental Issues - Patty  
Tailings dams & mine closure & take home message - ADNR

Discussion: 11:00-12:00

Lunch Break (12:00 – 1:00)

Part 3: Agencies and Regulatory Process (1:00 – 2:30)  
Introduction, federal agencies, EPA authorities - Patty  
NEPA – Patty  
CWA - Patty  
State authorizations and permits - ADNR  
CERCLA, Pogo example and summary – Patty

Break (2:30 – 2:45)

Part 4: How Tribes Can be Involved (2:45 – 3:30)  
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Follow-up Discussion (3:30 – 4:30)

## 2011 Mining Information Session

### US Environmental Protection Agency and Alaska Department of Natural Resources

The US Environmental Protection Agency and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources will share information on mining and the environmental permitting process for mining projects. Topics include:

- Fundamentals of Exploration Mining and Mineral Processing
- Environmental Concerns and Issues, including Soil Water, Air Impacts, Tailings Dams
- Environmental Regulations and Permitting Process
- How Tribes and Community Members Can Be Involved

Community members from the Bristol Bay Region are all invited. Elders, tribal leaders, youth, and representatives of the city, native corporations, watershed council or non-profits – please join us!

*The Friday session in Dillingham will include a late-morning discussion with EPA managers about the upcoming EPA Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment. This discussion will be held at the Newhalen Teen Center on Wednesday evening, prior to the Thursday session in Newhalen. Please see the meeting agendas for additional details.*

Your pre-registration is requested to help us plan for handouts and limited meeting room space. Please register by May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. There are several ways to register:

- Online at [www.epa.gov/region10/bristolbay](http://www.epa.gov/region10/bristolbay);
- Call or send an e-mail to Tami Fordham at: 907-271-1484 or [Fordham.Tami@epa.gov](mailto:Fordham.Tami@epa.gov)
- Fax this form to: Tami Fordham at 907-271-3424

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## Please Pre-register by May 27, 2011

☐ Newhalen on Thursday, June 2,  
8:30 am – 4:30 pm at the  
Newhalen Teen Center

☐ Dillingham on Friday, June 3,  
8:30 am – 5:30 pm at the  
BBNA Head Start Building

Name			
Title			
Organization, Or Tribe			
Address			
City		Zip	
E-Mail			

☐ Please add my name to the e-mail list to receive updates about EPA work in Bristol Bay

# Mining Information Session Dillingham & Newhale

**Newhalen**  
**Newhalen Teen Center**  
**Thursday, June 2, 2011**

**Dillingham**  
**BBNA Head Start Building**  
**Friday, June 3, 2011**

US Environmental Protection Agency and Alaska Department of Natural Resources will share information on their regulatory roles in the mining permitting process. Topics include:

- Mining Fundamentals, Exploration, Mining, Mineral Processing
- Environmental Concerns and Issues, Soil, Water, Air impacts, Tailings Dams
- Regulations and Permitting Process
- How Tribes and Community Members Can Be Involved

Interested community members from the Bristol Bay Region are all invited. All elders, tribal leaders, representatives from the city, native corporations, watershed council, non-profits, and youth – please join us! Pre-registration is requested, because space is limited.

**To register or for more information:**

**Tami Fordham, EPA at (907) 271-1484 ([fordham.tami@epa.gov](mailto:fordham.tami@epa.gov))**

**Online at: [www.epa.gov/region10/bristolbay](http://www.epa.gov/region10/bristolbay)**

## **EPA Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment Listening Session**

EPA managers and representatives will be available to talk with you about the EPA Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment and answer questions.



**Newhalen Teen Center**  
**7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2011**